

Introduced by Senator Alquist

February 24, 2006

An act to add Section 16418.6 to the Government Code, relating to public emergency responses, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1656, as introduced, Alquist. Public emergency responses.

Existing law establishes and directs the State Department of Social Services to administer and establish regulatory oversight of social service programs.

This bill would require the department to convene a work group for the purpose of developing a series of findings and recommendations relative to emergency response needs of aged or disabled persons and poor families in the event of a serious public emergency.

Existing law establishes the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties. Moneys in that fund are continuously appropriated without regard to fiscal years for specified natural disaster assistance programs.

This bill would authorize any county that incurs eligible extraordinary costs associated with the rescue and relocation of substantial numbers of persons whose financial needs are financed through the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled, the federal Supplemental Security Income Program, or the CalWORKs Program to submit a claim for reimbursement of extraordinary costs to the State Department of Social Services, and would require the department to submit the claim to the Controller for allocation to the county.

Since the bill would authorize the reallocation of funds from the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, this bill would constitute an appropriation.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16418.6 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 16418.6. (a) Any county that incurs eligible extraordinary
4 costs associated with the rescue and relocation of substantial
5 numbers of persons whose financial needs are financed through
6 the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and
7 Disabled, the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
8 Program, or the CalWORKs Program may submit a claim for the
9 amount of the extraordinary costs to the State Department of
10 Social Services according to procedures established by the
11 department. For purposes of this subdivision, “eligible
12 extraordinary costs” means extraordinary costs incurred in a state
13 of emergency as declared by the Governor.
14 (b) The State Department of Social Services shall submit the
15 cost determinations to the Controller. Upon receipt of the claim
16 from the department, the Controller shall make the appropriate
17 allocation to the county from the Special Fund for Economic
18 Uncertainties.
19 SEC. 2. The State Department of Social Services shall
20 convene a work group for the purpose of developing a series of
21 findings and recommendations relative to emergency response
22 needs of aged or disabled persons, and poor families in the event
23 of a serious public emergency, and shall report the findings and
24 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the
25 Legislature no later than September 1, 2007.

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